

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

JORGE SEGURA GOMEZ, 43810-177,	§	
Petitioner,	§	
	§	3:14-CV-0479-B
v.	§	3:12-CR-0011-B (3)
	§	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	§	
Respondent.	§	

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This cause of action was referred to the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to the provisions of Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), as implemented by an order of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. The Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge follow:

I. Procedural Background

Petitioner is an inmate in the federal prison system. He filed this motion to vacate, set aside or correct his sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Respondent is the United States of America.

On June 14, 2012, pursuant to a plea agreement, Petitioner pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. On March 21, 2013, the District Court sentenced him to 135 months in prison and a five-year term of supervised release. On April 4, 2013, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in cause number 13-10387. Petitioner's direct appeal is currently pending.

II. Discussion

A district court may not adjudicate the merits of an application for post-conviction relief

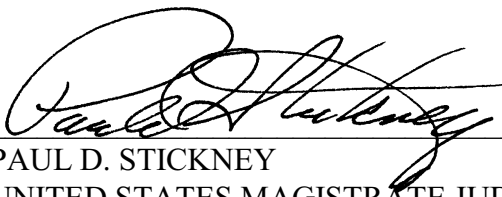
if a direct appeal is pending before the court of appeals. *Fassler v. United States*, 858 F.2d 1016, 1019 (5th Cir. 1988) (citing *Jones v. United States*, 453 F.2d 351, 352 (5th Cir. 1972)).

Petitioner's appeal is currently pending before the Fifth Circuit. Therefore, Petitioner is precluded from seeking post-conviction relief at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court recommends that the District Court summarily dismiss without prejudice Petitioner's motion to correct, vacate or set aside sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Signed this 20th day of February, 2014.



PAUL D. STICKNEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT**

A copy of this report and recommendation shall be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. *See Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996).